(c) what decision has been taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) During the course of the meeting held on 27-5-1992 in the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme with the Municipal Health Officer and Malaria Officer of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the Chief Medical Officer of the New Delhi Municipal Committee, it was felt that there was a need to declare malaria as a notifiable disease: however, no such request has been sent by N.M.E.P./Government to Delhi Administration as the matter requires to be considered in the context of the incidence of malaria obtaining in different parts of the country.

Tibetan system of medicines

1326. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to popularise the Tibetan system of medicines which has reportedly proved to be effective in curing many chronic diseases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has a research unit in Leh which has carried out research studies on Amchi System of Medicine, to find out therapeutic efficacy of medicines in peptic ulcer and Eozema. These studies have proved that same Tibetan medicines are effective in treatment of these diseases. The Council has edited and published one Tibetan manuscript.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of family welfare centres

1327. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staggering growth of Indian population is a health, economic and social hazard; and

(b) if so, whether Government would set up family welfare centres in each village Panchayat to advise and assist the people in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) *Yes, Sir. The Government are fully* aware of the seriousness of the population problem in all its dimesions.

(b) There is no proposal at present to set up family welfare centres in each village Panchayat to advise and assist the people in this regard.

Spreading of diseases in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh

1328. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State of Madhya Pradesh particularly the rural and Tribal areas have been adversely affected by epidemic of gastroentiritis, cholera, Malaria and fever resulting in agonies to people and deaths in many cases;

(b) if so, what are the details of the areas affected by such epidemics and the case so far reported in the State; and

(c) what remedial action Government has taken so far to contain these epidemics in Madhya Pradesh?